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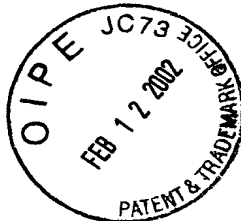


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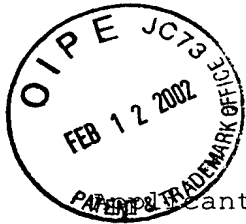
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Serial No: 10/025,605

Filed: December 26, 2001

For: Lithographic Objective having
a First Lens Group including
only Lenses having a Positive
Refractive Power

Transmittal of Declaration for Filing under 37 CFR 1.53(d)

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Dear Sir:

To avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.53(d) the applicants herewith submit their declaration in the above-identified application duly signed. A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) is also enclosed in order to prevent abandonment of the application.

The Commissioner is herewith authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee to deposit account no. 15-0773.

Respectfully submitted,

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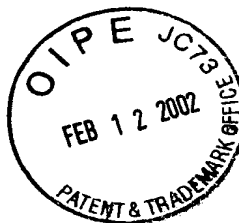
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Dear Sir:

I, Walter Ottesen, state that I am the attorney for this application and that I have reviewed and found the specification (pages 1 to 22) and four sheets of drawing (FIGS. 1 to 4) as shown in my files to be the papers attached to the declaration of Karl-Heinz Schuster and Alexander Eppele for Lithographic Objective having a First Lens Group including only Lenses having a Positive Refractive Power which accompanies this statement and I declare that these papers attached to the declaration are a true copy of the specification and any amendment thereto which I filed in the Patent and Trademark Office in order to obtain a filing date for this application on December 26, 2001.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were

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Respectfully submitted,

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